

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as amended and in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 10, 11 and 16 are currently active in this case. Claim 10 has been amended and claims 12, 14, 15, 17 and 18 have been cancelled by the current amendment. No new matter has been amended. Support for changes to claim 10 can be found in the Specification at pages 14, line 24 - page 15, line 3, page 17, lines 6-21, page 18, lines 21- page 19, line 11, page 20, lines 6-10, and page 21, lines 12-21.

In the outstanding office action, claims 10-12, 14-15, 17, and 18 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0105641 to Lewis in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,239,165 to Novak; and claim 16 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lewis in view of Novak and U.S. Patent No. 5,689,503 to Wada.

Claim 10 is directed to a data processing apparatus for processing ticket purchasing data. In the prior art, when a user reserved a ticket on a POS terminal, because the user had to fill out an application form with personal information, the process time was slow. To address this problem among others, the present invention defines program transmission means for transmitting a program to a portable electronic terminal. The program causes the portable electronic terminal (a) to display a request to send data screen, and (b) to transmit the owner information to the data processing apparatus when the transmission of the owner information is permitted. The present invention further defines means for determining whether a ticketing process should be executed, and means for confirming a requested ticket through an inquiry to a ticket company via a network when the ticketing process is requested, for receiving information regarding the requested ticket from the ticket company via the

network, and for storing the received information as ticket printing data with the owner information received from the portable electronic terminal.

As a consequence of the configuration of the present invention, it is possible to transfer the owner (personal) information stored on the portable electronic terminal to the POS terminal. As a result, establishments using the POS terminal of the present invention are able to shorten the processing time for purchasing tickets and reduce mistakes in collecting information. Customers who own portable electronic terminals according to the present invention are able to enjoy enhanced convenience.

In contrast to the present invention, Lewis fails to disclose or suggest the above features of the present invention. Lewis discloses an electronic ticketing and validation system. According to Lewis, the customer executes a ticket purchasing operation on a computer connected to the Internet. Then, the customer prints out the purchased ticket on a personal printer or downloads the purchased ticket to a portable electronic terminal in electronic form. At the location of the event, the ticket information is read from the purchased electronic ticket and transmitted to the electronic validation system, and then verified as valid for the event.

Thus, it is clear that the owner information being transmitted as defined by claim 10 is different from the information being transmitted in the Lewis process. Further, Lewis fails to disclose or suggest transmitting a program which causes a portable electronic terminal to display an authorization screen, and to receive authorization to transmit owner information. Novak was relied upon in the Office Action to address a feature which is not currently being claimed. Novak is not believed to address the deficiencies of Lewis identified above.

Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that Lewis does not anticipate or render obvious the subject matter defined by claim 10 when considered alone or in combination with Novak.

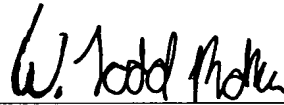
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The dependent claims are believed to be allowable for at least the same reasons that claim 10 is believed to be allowable.

Consequently, no further issues are believed to be outstanding and the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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